

REMARKS

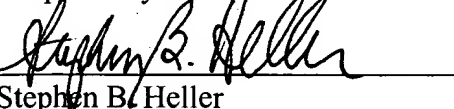
We are in receipt of the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, and the following remarks are made in light thereof.

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, each of claims 1-35 is rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamazaki et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2001/0040655. The Examiner contends that Yamazaki et al. teach a pixel electrode having a projected surface with a radius of curvature from 0.1 to 4 μm citing paragraph [0189].

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner is mistaken as to the teachings of Yamazaki et al. Paragraph [0189], cited by the Examiner, teach that the height of the convex portion of the pixel electrode is from 0.3 to 3 μm , and preferably from 0.5 to 1.5 μm . The height of the convex portion is not the same thing as the radius of curvature. Applicant submits that Yamazaki et al. fail to teach the radius of curvature of from 0.1 to 4 μm , as claimed in all of the independent claims presently pending in this application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) should be withdrawn.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action in this regard is earnestly solicited.

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